THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Exports of tea during the last three years have been as under:—

Year	Export	
	Qty. (Mn. kg.)	Value (Rs. crores)
1992-93	180.69	1058.70
1993-94*	161.17	1080.10
1994-95* (April-Jan.)	130.09	780.71

*Estimated

Source : (Tea Board)

(b) The public agencies exporting tea to various countries are:

(1) Tea Trading Corporation of of India Ltd.

(2) Andrew Yuls & Co.

(3) Balmer Lawris & Co.

(4) West Bengal Tea Development Corporation Ltd.

(5) Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Ltd.

Investments hampered by corruption in the Country

3097. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been invited to the editorial published in the "Financial Express" of the 19th January, 1995 in which it has been reported that the U.S. Commerce Secretary during his recent visit sought an assurance from the Prime Minister on matters of corruption in the country; if so, what are the details and what has been Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether in recent months Government have seen wide comments in the press that the rampant corruption has been creating problems in the flow of investments in the country; if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Mr. Ronald H. Brown, US Secretary for Commerce called on the Prime Minister on 17.1.1995. The Record of Discussions does not contain any reference to the issue of corruption.

(b) No specific instance of alleged corruption leading to problems in the flow of investments into the country has come to Government's notice.

Free Trade Zones in the Country

3098. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many free trade zones are functioning in the country;

(b) whether Government is considering establishing more free trade zones during 1995-96 and if so, which are the places; and

(c) what is the total exports from free trade zones in the country and the percentage to the total exports from the country?